Mountain Weather Forecast

Snowdonia National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 19 May 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 20 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 02:42

Confidence: High for the showery theme on Wednesday and for becoming wet and windy Thursday and Friday, but only low for the detail of strongest winds and timing of any rain.

Headline for Wednesday 19 May 2021: Isolated sharp showers until early afternoon, then dry with sunny periods.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 19 May 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG					
Fog	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Sunny	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
20%	40%	40%	20%	<05%	<05%

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Weather: Rather cloudy with a few outbreaks of drizzle possible during the early hours. The cloud will break and lift quickly after sunrise, allowing a few isolated showers to develop. These will be mainly light, although the odd heavy one is possible in the east by midday with a small risk of hail and thunder. During the afternoon these showers will fade away leaving a fine, dry end to the day with some late sunshine.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% initially, improving to 90% or better by mid-morning.

Visibility: Locally poor on summits with cloud down to around 300m before breaking and lifting. Becoming very good with excellent clarity, but some sudden brief deteriorations are likely in any heavier showers, with cloud down to 900-1000m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	16/19 NW	14/18 NW	16/22 W	17/23 W	13/19 SW	17/22 SW	17/23 S
600	12/14 NW	11/15 NW	14/19 W	14/20 W	12/17 SW	13/17 S	14/21 S
300	7/11 NW	8/12 NW	11/18 W	11/18 W	9/16 SW	8/16 S	9/19 S
Valley	7/12 NW	8/12 NW	11/18 W	11/18 W	9/16 SW	9/17 S	11/21 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	3/-2	4/-1	4/-1	5/1	5/0	4/-1	3/-2
600	6/2	6/3	7/3	8/4	7/4	6/2	5/1
300	7/5	9/7	10/7	10/8	10/8	8/5	7/5
Valley	8/6	10/8	11/9	12/10	11/9	9/6	8/6
Freezing Level*	1300m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1300m	1300m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

There is still a risk of isolated heavy and thundery showers through the middle of the day, so best pack waterproofs. Sunlight will be strong in between showers and later in the afternoon, and sun protection is advised.

Forecast for Thursday 20 May 2021

Weather: Dry but increasingly cloudy during the early hours, with outbreaks of rain spreading from the southwest shortly after dawn. Rain will continue through the morning and afternoon, heavy at times and accompanied by gale force winds. There may be some brief drier interludes during the afternoon, but persistent rain will develop by evening.

Maximum wind: South or southwesterly 45-50mph gust 60-65mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% at first falling to 40% as the rain arrives with the best of any breaks in sheltered northeastern areas. Deteriorating further to 10% or less in the evening.

Visibility: Good at first with only patchy cloud on slopes above 700m. Deteriorating to moderate at low levels as the rain arrives with cross valley views appearing mist. Low cloud will become more extensive at the same time, with areas lowering to cover many south and southwestern facing slopes above 500-700m, with the best of any breaks in the sheltered northeastern side of the Snowdon range. Cloud will lower to cover many slopes above 400m in the evening.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 5 Celsius becoming Plus 11 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius becoming Plus 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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